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Metro Gold Line Limited Stop Service Demonstration

Metro Media Relations has scheduled a media ride on the Metro Gold Line for Thursday February 9 at 9 a.m. to demonstrate new limited stop service. The new service, which starts Monday February 13, will improve end-to-end transit times by 15 percent. The event starts with speeches at Union Station. Dignitaries and the media will then board the special train for a short ride to the first limited stop at Highland Park and return.

Labor Negotiations Update Statement

Media Relations issued a statement to the Los Angeles Times and the Daily News this afternoon following the Board's closed session on labor negotiations. The statement, by Deputy CEO John Catoe, explained that Metro and Union negotiators have agreed to take a radically different approach to the negotiations and that Metro has already begun a helpful dialog with our union counterparts about the process. Also explained in the prepared statement was Interest Based Negotiating (IBN) and how it works on the principle that contract negotiations that begin with a focus on each side's real interests and aims, rather than from entrenched positions, tend to be more optimistic, less prone to break down, and more quickly productive of balanced agreements that produce 'no losers.'

Increase Metro Orange Line Security And Lax Fly Away Service

City News Service and KFI Radio interviewed Media Relations staff today regarding Board action on LAX Fly Away service from Union Station to LAX and the increase in Metro Orange Line security at park and ride lots. The stories are expected to run this afternoon.

Metro Receives Narcotics Forfeiture Funds

Metro received a \$12,202.72 check yesterday in forfeiture funds due to a narcotics arrest last year. Back in January 2005 Transit Services Bureau Deputy Devin Vanderlaan made a traffic stop outside the Metro Green Line Long Beach Station. What started out as a routine stop for minor vehicle code violations resulted in the arrest of both the driver and the passenger. The driver was both unlicensed with an understanding traffic warrant and on parole for a prior narcotics violation. The vehicle's passenger was under the influence of narcotics (methamphetamine). Deputy Vanderlaan discovered and seized a large amount of U.S. Currency, a significant quantity of marijuana, cell phones, and pay-owe sheets commonly used by narcotics dealers. Both suspects were arrested on multiple narcotics charges, with an additional felony charge of bribery as the driver attempted to offer Deputy Vanderlaan \$20,000 if he was allowed to leave without being arrested. My thanks to Deputy Vanderlaan for his police work which resulted in two arrests and funds coming to Metro.

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